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Nominations of the first officers of the Association shall be made for a term of two years, and the first officers elected will, accordingly, hold office for two years.

2. Meetings of the Executive Council. A special meeting of the Executive Council shall be called by the President on the written request of at least four members of the Council, and notice of such meeting shall be sent to every member two weeks in advance.

3. Local Branches. Local branches may be organized by fifteen or more members of the Association in regional groups of institutions, for such purposes not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Association as such branches may determine. The Constitutions of such branches must be approved by the Executive Council of the National Association, and the members must all be in good standing in the parent organization. No dues shall be required in the local branches unless the members so desire, and the expenses of a local branch shall be met by the National Association up to an amount not to exceed fifty cents per member per year; provided the expense account of said branch has been approved by the Executive Council of the National Association.

LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Dear Colleagues :

The circular of May 21, 1917, sent to 2800 teachers of Spanish in the United States was received with an enthusiasm such as can only be expected from those who are interested in the Spanish language. Within a month nearly five hundred persons had enrolled in the American Association of Teachers of Spanish, many of whom paid dues either annual or life at the time of enrollment. This *afán* gave confidence and the resources to prepare the number of *Hispania* now in your hands. The periodical should be the means of turning many hesitant teachers into active members of the Association so that the present roll of six hundred will become a thousand.

To our life members has been mailed a certificate in the following form:

The American Association of Teachers of Spanish

Se certifica por medio del presente que

Don FULANO de TAL

es SOCIO VITALICIO de

esta Sociedad

habiendo pagado las cuotas correspondientes.

Dado el—de—de 1917.

The Treasurer will be pleased to mail others upon request, accompanied by the dues, \$25.

Certain matters of business now lie before the Association. The most important is to complete our organization by the adoption of a constitution and the election of officers. On another page you will find a blank ballot on which to record your will and opinion. Please do your duty and return it by December 10th.

Concerning the payment of dues, the Secretary-Treasurer wishes to say that the members of the Association can save it a considerable sum of money if they will be willing to do the following things. First, send the money for your dues at once without the necessity of mailing you a special request for payment. Second, forego a receipt for the dues; as a list of paid-up members will be printed in the February number of *Hispania*, let that suffice. Third, if you live in the south or west, send your dues by postal money order unless your bank is affiliated with the Federal Reserve Bank. Checks on other banks and trust companies are charged a collection fee in New York, some from the more distant localities as much as ten cents.

The Committee on Nominations, of which Professor Fitz-Gerald is chairman, submits the following list of nominations as officers for the years 1918-1920. The Committee wishes it understood that any member may substitute on his or her ballot any desired name for any given post. Please vote by placing a cross in the square to the left of the nominee or the substitute.

President.

Lawrence A. Wilkins, Board of Education, New York City.

(Substitute)

First Vice-President.

Rudolph Schevill, University of California.

(Substitute)

Second Vice-President.

E. W. Olmsted, University of Minnesota.

Third Vice-President.

Charles P. Wagner, University of Michigan.

Secretary-Treasurer.

Alfred Coester, Commercial H. S., Brooklyn, New York.

Executive Council.

In addition to the foregoing officers:

Clifford G. Allen, Leland Stanford Junior University.

Capt. C. P. Harrington, Culver Military Academy, Ind.

Josephine W. Holt, John Marshall H. S., Richmond, Va.

J. Warshaw, University of Missouri.

